REMARKS

Please cancel claims 1 through 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 26 through 37 are pending. Claims 1-25 stand variously rejected as vague (claim 6), as failing to further limit the subject matter of a parent claim (claims 10 and 13), as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112 (claims 1-25), and as directed to nonstatutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101 (claims 1-19).

The claims as amended traverse the Examiner's rejections. No new matter is submitted.

<u>Information Disclosure</u>

Applicant submits a form PTO 1449 and a copy of each reference cited there.

Conclusion

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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